



# News Release

Office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal  
8181 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.lasfm.org](http://www.lasfm.org)

---

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**RELEASE NUMBER:**  
**DATE: September 11, 2011**

**CONTACT: MARSHAL BUTCH BROWNING**  
**225-925-4911**  
**1-800-256-5452**  
**225-806-0803 (cell)**

## **Two Children Die in Crowley Fire**

**Crowley, LA-** State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning released information today in reference to an early morning residential fire that has claimed the life of two children while they were sleeping.

The Crowley Fire Department was dispatched at 3:43 am this morning to 210 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street to a report that a home was on fire. When firefighters arrived they discovered that a wood frame home was burning. Firefighters located the bodies of Tah’ Jay Robinson (dob. 4-25-2007) and Micah Johnnie (dob. 1-29-2009). Tah’ was transported to American Legion Hospital, where she later died. Micah was pronounced dead at the fire scene. Four other people escaped the burning building before the arrival of the fire department.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office, Crowley Police Department and the Acadia Parish Sheriff’s Office are jointly investigating this tragic fire. Investigators have determined that the fire started in the master bed room and quickly extended into adjacent rooms. Investigators are examining accidental causes at this time and have not completed their investigation. The Fire Marshal’s Office also has dispatched one of its fire investigations K-9 to the scene. There was one battery operated smoke detector installed in the home but it is not believed that the battery was maintained.

Fire Marshal Browning stated, “Our deepest sorrow goes out to the families of these young children lost this morning. We will work hard for them to get the facts of this fire cause. I plead with everyone to please ensure you have working smoke alarms in your home.”

**- - - END END END - - -**